

# NVARC *Signal*

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## **This month's speaker**

**Joel Emer, WB9BWB**

Joel will be giving a talk on "Real Old Time Radio." (Spark gaps and things like that.) For some of us, this will be new material. For others, it will be nostalgia. Either way, it should be a good time.

## **Constitutional Committee to Report**

OK, last month, the newsletter gave the text of a proposed amendment to the NVARC constitution. We didn't get enough voters to hold a vote on the subject. However, other problems were identified with the Constitution and the conduct of club business to date which lead to the appointment of a Constitutional Committee to look into changing the Constitution to better suit NVARC's needs.

The February meeting will have a report from the Constitutional Committee. Copies of a proposed new NVARC Constitution will be passed out and the groundwork will be laid for a vote of confidence from the membership at the March meeting.

Why a vote of confidence? It's a long story. Come hear it at the February meeting.

## **Public Service Log**



## **Groton Road Race on April 4th**

Don't forget we're looking for volunteers to work the Second Annual Groton Road Race on April 4th. It's a 10K race (6.2 miles to the rest of us) sponsored by Groton Recreation/Squannacook River Runners. There is also a 2K event for walkers, skaters, duffers, etc. Contact Eric Piip, KA1RV to volunteer or get more info.

## **SO, HOW COPY?**

So, a couple of things are real notable about the newsletter this month. (1) It's late. (2) It's short. Lateness is largely my fault. Shortness is largely your fault. Write an article. Write a letter. Write something.

The newsletter is short because I haven't had time to write. It's late because I don't have anything to publish. (Because I haven't had time to write...) Break this ugly cycle. Write something for the newsletter. Give me something to publish.

Some people have asked about submission format. As always, my answer is: I'll take anything. I prefer plain text on a 3.5-inch IBM PC floppy.

**-- KC1TD**

# **Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club**

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### **Preamble**

Wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, we do hereby constitute ourselves The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club (NVARC) and do enact this Constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation and conduct club programs and activities as to advance the interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the general community. NVARC welcomes all persons interested in Amateur Radio and no provision of the Constitution or By-Laws or language thereof shall be construed as discriminating against or making unwelcome any such person by sex, race, creed, nationality, nation of origin, physical ability or any other characteristic secondary to an interest in Amateur Radio.

### **Article I -- Membership**

Section 1. All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be granted by application, upon payment of dues and under such terms as provided in the By-Laws. Members holding a valid Amateur Radio license are granted Full Membership and have the right to vote on matters of club business. All others shall be granted Associate (non-voting) Membership.

Section 2. Members otherwise eligible to vote, may choose to be Associate Members if they do not wish to be involved in the decision-making process of the club. Such members may regain Full Membership by declaring their desire to do so to the club Secretary at any time.

Section 3. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may vote to extend Honorary Membership to selected groups or individuals. Honorary Membership has a term of one year. Honorary Members are excused from dues and assessment obligations. Honorary Membership conveys no voting rights.

Section 4. Membership may be revoked by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership.

### **Article II -- Officers**

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be: A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and three Directors.

Section 2. Each officer of this club shall be elected for the term specified in Article III. Election shall be by ballot of the members present at the general meeting in April, or by special election, provided there be a quorum. A quorum shall be 20 percent of the Full Members.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special election at the first general meeting following the meeting at which the vacancy is announced. The person elected will fill the unexpired term of the vacated office.

Section 4. Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Full Members. An officer is automatically removed for failure to attend three consecutive general meetings unless their absence has been explained to the Board of Directors.

### **Article III -- Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The President shall be elected for a term of one year. He shall preside at all meetings of the club and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce observance of this Constitution and the By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the club and none other. and perform all customary duties pertaining to the Office of President. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything pertaining to the commission of his office to his successor.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall be elected for a term of one year. He shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter. The Vice-President or his appointee shall act in the capacity of Activities Manager. He shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Emergency Coordinator or SEC to promote the fullest possible club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything pertaining to the commission of his office to his successor.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, receive applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read all communications at each meeting and mail written notices to each member as required in the By-Laws. He shall keep informed by questionnaires or other means of the capabilities and type of operation of such members as possess station equipment to facilitate emergency organization and to help in planning general interest activities. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club and have them with him at every general and special meeting. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit them to be consulted by members upon request. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything pertaining to the commission of his office to his successor.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year. He shall receive and receipt (as required) for all monies paid to the club. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay bill as directed by the club or its officers. At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts to the Board of Directors. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything pertaining to the commission of his office to his successor.

Section 5. The Directors will be elected for a term of three years. They are charged with the responsibility of guiding the club in all its endeavors. They shall interpret the wishes of the general membership and guide the officers in that direction. They may elect Honorary members. They shall audit the financial accounts of the club. They shall review and approve agreements prior to submittal to the general membership for approval and monitor agreements accepted by the club.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall consist of the three Directors, the President and the Vice-President.

## Article IV -- Meetings

Section 1. The By-Laws shall provide for general and special meetings. At meetings, a quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of no less than twenty percent (20%) of the Full Members then listed on the club roll.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall conduct business meetings when necessary to insure proper operation of the club, thereby leaving the general meetings for more pleasurable things.

Business meetings may be conducted at the place and time agreeable to the Board of Directors but must be open to any member of the club.

## **Article V -- Dues and Assessments**

The Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club, by majority vote at any general meeting provided there be a quorum, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the club within its object as set forth in the preamble of this Constitution. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

## **Article VI -- Amendments**

This Constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Full Members. The text for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a general meeting. Notification of all members shall be attempted by mail, and the proposal may not be voted on until the next general meeting after notification is made.

The By-Laws may be changed by a majority vote of a quorum. The proposal shall be submitted at a regular meeting. Notification of all members shall be attempted by mail and the proposal shall not be voted on until the next regular meeting after notification is made.

## **Article VII -- Meeting Rules**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings when not superseded by our custom or By-Laws.

# **By-Laws of the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club (NVARC)**

**Section 1. Vote by Proxy.** Voting members (Full Members) may vote by means of written proxy delivered in advance to the Secretary.

**Sections 2. NVARC Dues Schedule.** All membership dues is paid in advance. All memberships are for a term of one year.

Full Membership	\$15.00/yr.
Full Member under 16 years of age	\$7.50/yr.
Associate Membership	\$15.00/yr.
Family Membership	\$20.00/yr.
Honorary Membership	No dues.

**Section 3. General and Special Meetings.** General Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis at such place and time as the President shall order. Special Meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of ten percent (10%) of the Full Members. Notices shall be sent to all members informing them of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be sent to that in the ordinary postal delivery the shall arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time set for the meeting. Only such business as is designated in the notice shall be transacted at such special meetings. All reasonable, documented costs of the meeting shall be borne by those requesting the special meeting.

**Section 4. Committees.** Committees shall be appointed by the President including, but not limited to:

**Officer Nominating Committee** -- appointed in January to develop a proposed slate of officers for the April election.

**Field Day Committee** -- appointed no later than April to plan and coordinate Field Day activities for that year.

**Elmer Committee** -- a standing committee with appointments as required. The Elmer Committee shall provide greeters to meet and escort interested non-Amateurs who come to club meetings, administer a technical library for members and non-members alike, gather and distribute materials, and carry on such educational activities as shall be deemed fit.

**Newsletter Committee** -- a standing committee with appointments as required to provide the club a newsletter.



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## Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club Key to Calendar of Events

CW slow - Code practice at 5, 7 1/2, 10, 13, and 15 WPM -- transmitted by the ARRL on the following frequencies:

1.8180, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675, and 147.555 MHz

NVARC CW Net - 28.166 MHz

VE Sessions - For more information, contact the following people:

Fort Devens: Tom Sefranek, 508-425-6672

Shirley: Tom Sefranek, 508-425-6672

Acton: J. Towne Conover, 508-263-3712

Billerica: Bruce Anderson, 508-851-2886

Flea Markets:

Northampton - Mt. Tom ARA - Smith VoTec - Contact: Jim, K1MEA at 413-527-3199

Hudson, NH - Interstate Repeater Society - Lions Club Hall - Contact: KA1MKH at 603-895-9035  
Talk-in: 146.85/224.46/449.625

Westboro - Minuteman RA - Westboro High School - Contact: Walter, N1HBR at 508-481-0994  
Talk-in: 146.01/.61

Framingham - FARA - High School - Contact: Barry, WN1N at 508-877-4947 (Tables)  
Dick, WA1KUG at 508-877-0563 (Exams)

NVARC Board meeting - Thursday before the general meeting.

NVARC Meeting! -- Third Thursday of every month - Be There!

Notes:

1. If anyone has anything they think should be included in the April calendar, please see me at the meeting or call me at 448-3049.

Thanks,

Duane, KD1JY, Secretary NVARC



# March 1993

## Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>2</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>3</b> VE-Acton 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>4</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>5</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>6</b> 10:00pm CW Slow
<b>7</b> VE-Fort Devens 9:00am Flea Mkt. Northampton	<b>8</b> VE-Shirley 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>9</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>10</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>11</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>12</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>13</b> 8:30am Flea Mkt. Hudson, NH 10:00pm CW Slow
<b>14</b> VE-Fort Devens	<b>15</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>16</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>17</b> <del>St. Patrick's</del> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>18</b> 7:30pm NVARC Meeting! 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>19</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>20</b> <i>Spring begins</i> 10:00am Flea Mkt. Westboro 10:00pm CW Slow
<b>21</b> VE-Fort Devens	<b>22</b> VE-Shirley 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>23</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>24</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>25</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>26</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>27</b> 10:00pm CW Slow
<b>28</b> VE-Fort Devens VE-Framingham Flea Mkt. Framingham	<b>29</b> 7:00pm CW Slow	<b>30</b> 8:00pm NVARC CW Net 10:00pm CW Slow	<b>31</b> 7:00pm CW Slow			

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See reverse for explanation and further information.